1	2	3	4
11.	Maharashtra	319.13	402.43
12.	North-East	22.09	25.80
13.	Orissa	52.51	60.64
14.	Punjab	172.30	235.50
15.	Rajasthan	134.07	184.11
16.	Tamil Nadu	237.56	301.68
17.	U.P.	227.55	384.11
18.	West Bengal	44.07	48.97

Agreement with AT & T for Telecom Products

1995. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has recently been signed between AT & T, one of the World's largest Telecommunication Companies and Bharat Telecom, to assemble and market a range of telecom consumer products in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Government has not received any proposal from AT & T or M/s. Bharat Telecom for assembling and marketing any range of consumer telecom products in India.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Survey about working hours of Rural Telephones

1996. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of rural telephones to those in urban areas and their actual numbers;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the working hours of rural telephones in a year in comparison to that of urban telephones and the charges paid by the rural telephone subscribers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when such survey would be conducted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House later.

(b) The Govt. has not done any specific survey in this regard. Both urban and rural telephones work round the clock. However, the usual working hours at places chosen for providing public rural telephones are as follows:

(i) Post offices: 5 hours on the average.

(ii) Panchayat HQ: Approximately 8 hours.

(iii) Grocer's Shop Approximately 12 hours.

(iv) Franchise: More than 12 hours.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The Govt. does not have a proposal to conduct such a survey in near future.

Sanction of STD, PCO's in the country

1997. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state how many STD, PCO connections are working Statewise, and how many applications for sanction for the same are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM):

Statement

The number of STD/PCO's working and the number of applications pending for sanction, state-wise is as below :-

Circle/Districts	No. of STD PCOs working as on 1-2-94	No. of applications for STD PCO pending
1. Andhra Pradesh	3464	15,754
2. Assam	614	243
3. Bihar	1462	656
4. Gujarat	5642	1,577
5. Haryana	1144	517
6. Himachal Pradesh	168	419
7. Jammu & Kashmir	99	172
8. Karnataka	3796	2,835
9. Kerala	3627	8,164
10. Madhya Pradesh	3017	2,941
11. Maharashtra	5202	5,453
12. North-Eastern	235	150
13. Orissa	760	412
14. Punjab	3486	4,806
15. Rajasthan	2976	1,235
16. Tamil Nadu	3865	2,777
17. Uttar Pradesh	4009	2,646
18. West Bengal	84	1,130
19. Delhi	2286	292
20. Bombay	2947	922
21 Calcutta	1513	1,040
22. Madras	1570	4,250